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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORTS, WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1973

1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

C) EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

D) OPERATIONS: (A) ON MARCH 16, 1973, SNO FORCES

ALONG WITH BNDD AND THE BORDER PATROL POLICE RAIDED THE

HOUSES OF LAO SANG AND SANG SHENG SANG IN THE VILLAGE OF

MAE HAE, MAE CHAN DISTRICT OF CHIANG MAI. SIXTY- SIX

KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM WAS SEIZED IN THE HOUSE OF LAO SANG

AND 2.5 KILOGRAMS OF NUMBER 3 HEROIN WAS SEIZED IN THE

HOUSE OF SANG, ALONG WITH THREE DEFENDANTS, WAN LOU, TANG

SAE AND LEE SAW.

AS THE RAIDING PARTY LANDED BY HELICOPTERS, UNKNOWN

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PERSONS BEGAN TO FIRE ON THE PARTY USING AUTOMATIC WEAPONRY. THE RAIDING PARTY TOOK AN AGGRESSIVE MOVEMENT FORWARD AND DROVE THE OPPOSITION OUT OF THE VILLAGE. ONE OF THE TWO HELICOPTERS WENT AIRBORNE AND ATTEMPTED TO SPOT THE ATTACKERS FOR THE GROUND FORCES. THE HELICOPTER TOOK THREE ROUNDS IN THE GAS TANK AND HAD TO RETURN TO THE AIRPORT AT MAE RIM. THE VILLAGE WAS THEN SECURED AND SENTRIES WERE PLACED AROUND THE AREA. THE SEARCH WAS THEN SE, NOT OF PRIVILEGE". BRITISH FIRMS SHOULD ALSO INSIST ON ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE UNIONS, IN THE PROUD BRITISH TRADITION, FOR ALL BLACKS. IF FIRMS MUST BE ASKED WITHDRAW, THEN EXERCISE MUST BE " MORE REASONABLE". " GIVE THEM TIME- TABLE TO IMPROVE WAGES" AND IF NOT MET ONLY " THEN ASK THEM TO WITHDRAW FROM S. AMZ

4. COMMENT: BUTHELEZI OBJECTION TO BRITISH LABOR PARTY AND ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT PRESSURES FOR CAPITAL WITHDRAWAL IN LINE WITH HIS PUBLIC STAND IN FAVOR CONTINUED US BUSINESS INVESTMENTS, PROVIDED INCREASED JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND WORKER BENEFITS FOR HIS PEOPLE FORTHCOMING. SAME REASONING HAS PROMPTED BUTHELEZI TO FAVOR CONTINUATION US SUGAR QUOTA. HOLMES UNQUOTE ROGERS

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